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To: Don Becker
Subject: Renegotiation of the Fire Department Agreement

Chairman Becker,

In answer to your hand-delivered letter dated Nov. 24, 2008, I will list what articles we as a board feel are unacceptable and must be negotiated.

1. The parties shall share equally the costs of purchasing trucks and will share equally the costs of the Fire Department training wages. Other expenditures will stay the same as in the contract that is in effect at the present time.
2. Rent of the Firehouse. The Rent of the Firehouse will be increased to \$27,000.00 for the year 2009 and shall increase 3% commencing January 1, 2010 and on each January 1st thereafter. There has been no increase for over four years and cost continually increase. The Board believes these are increases that are necessary.
3. Billing for Water. The billing method follows the guidelines set by the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin and will include separate "hook-up charges" each time a truck is filled but shall not include hydrant rental.
4. Operating Costs. Mutual Aid calls shall not be included in the rolling average of the most recent ten completed years.

These are the areas that the Village Board finds unacceptable and was included the draft copy of the agreement that was forwarded to you.

Please let us know when your Board would be available to consider these options.

Sincerely,

Gene Jentink
President, Village of Cedar Grove